

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 13 and 18 – 23 are pending in the instant patent application.

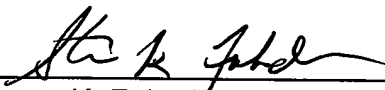
The Office Action has determined that the instant application is in condition for allowance except for formalities regarding claims 1, 12, 18, 19, 21, and 22. Applicants thanks the Examiner for allowing the claims and for pointing out the informalities. Claims 1, 12, 18, 19, 21, and 22 have been amended to comply with the Examiner's objections.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and remarks into the file history of the above-identified application. Applicants believe that each informality has been corrected and/or obviated, and that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with filing of the instant request. However, if a fee is due, please charge the required fee to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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